

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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FEBRUARY 3, 1848.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BALDWIN submitted for consideration the following

RESOLUTIONS:

*Resolved*, That if any territory shall hereafter be acquired by the United States, or annexed thereto, the act by which said territory is acquired or annexed, whatever such act may be, should contain an unalterable fundamental article or provision whereby slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, shall be forever excluded from the territory acquired or annexed.

*Resolved*, That in any cession of territory that may be acquired as the result of the war with Mexico, the desire of that republic, expressed by her commissioners in their negotiation with Mr. Trist, to provide for the protection of the inhabitants of the ceded territory against the introduction of the system of human slavery therein, by a stipulation to that effect in any treaty that may be made, cannot, consistently with the rights of those inhabitants, or with the principles of justice and liberty which have been proclaimed to the world as the basis of our institutions, be disregarded or denied.

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